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Graduates of Foreign Pharmacy Schools Applying for Licensure as a Pharmacist - INSTRUCTIONS -

These instructions accompany license application form CPPCI-01 "Application as a Pharmacy Intern" and CPPCT-01 "Application for Licensure as a Pharmacist by Examination"

The State of Connecticut requires you to obtain a passing score on several separate exams before you may apply for a pharmacy internship and subsequently, licensure as a pharmacist by examination. More specifically, you must pass:

1. the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination (FPGEE) **AND** the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and Test of Spoken English (TSE) **OR**
2. the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination (FPGEE) and the Test of Spoken English Internet-Based Test (TOEFL iBT).

The Connecticut Commission of Pharmacy **does not** administer these exams.

❖ **Taking the FPGEE Exam:**

To apply for the FPGEE Exam, you may contact the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination Committee to obtain a registration package by completing an Internet-based request form available at www.nabp.net. (Please contact NABP via e-mail at custserv@nabp.net should you have any questions regarding the Internet-based FPGEE application request form.)

❖ **Taking the TOEFL, TOEFL iBT and TSE Exams:**

To apply for the TOEFL, TOEFL iBT and TSE Exams, please contact TOEFL Services by phone at (609) 771-7100 or online at www.toefl.org.

Once you obtain a passing score on either the FPGEE, TOEFL and TSE **OR** the FPGEE and TOEFL iBT, an appearance before the Commission of Pharmacy is necessary **prior** to application as a pharmacy intern. Please contact the Commission of Pharmacy via e-mail at DCP.PharmacistLicense@ct.gov or via phone at (860) 713-6070 to schedule an interview. At the interview, you will be required to submit documentation that you obtained passing scores on either the FPGEE, TOEFL and TSE **OR** the FPGEE and TOEFL iBT.

❖ **State of Connecticut Minimum Score Requirements:**

<u>TSE Exam:</u>	Old Scoring	New Scoring
Total Score	220	55
Pronunciation	2.2	N/A
Grammar/Fluency	2.2	N/A
<u>TOEFL Exam:</u>	Paper/Pencil	Computer-based
Total Score	550	213
Listening/Reading	55	21
Structure/Writing	55	22

TOEFL iBT

Writing	24
Speaking	26
Listening	18
Reading	21

After appearing before the Commission of Pharmacy and being approved for a pharmacy internship, you should complete application form "**CPPCI-01- Application for Pharmacy Intern**" that may be obtained after your interview or online at www.ct.gov/dcp. Complete this application and return it to the Department of Consumer Protection License Services Division, Room 110, Hartford, CT 06106 with a fee of \$60.00 in the form of a check or money order made payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut".

You cannot apply for licensure as a pharmacist by examination until you have proof of at least fifteen hundred hours of practical experience required of a pharmacy intern.

Once your internship is completed and you have submitted your Application for Pharmacist Licensure by Examination along with the \$200 fee, you may apply and sit for the required licensure exams. The State of Connecticut has contracted with the NABP to administer both of the following national pharmacy licensing exams:

- North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination, known as **NAPLEX (\$485)**
- Multi-state Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination known as **MPJE-CT version (\$200)**

In order to obtain licensure by examination as a pharmacist in Connecticut, you are required to obtain a passing score of 75 or better on both the NAPLEX and the MPJE exams.

❖ Taking the NABP Exams (NAPLEX/MPJE):

To apply for the NAPLEX and MPJE exams, you should obtain the NABP's **NAPLEX/MPJE Registration Bulletin** for each exam.

- ❖ The NAPLEX/MPJE Registration Bulletin is available in a PDF format on the Association's Web site, www.nabp.net. A hard-copy version is no longer published.
- ❖ The Internet-based registration form and credit card payment fee process is available on the Association's Web site, www.nabp.net, and allows for rapid registration and convenience.

Once you have submitted a completed application for licensure and have applied for your exams, you will receive an "**Authorization To Test**" directly from Pearson VUE (usually via e-mail) that contains the following information:

- 01.) NAPLEX/MPJE Examination Dates
- 02.) Test Authorization Number
- 03.) Candidate Identification Number
- 04.) Expiration Date

Once you receive the "Authorization To Test", you may make an appointment at an appropriate testing center to complete the exam(s).

Any questions concerning the application process may be directed to the Commission of Pharmacy at DCP.PharmacistLicense@ct.gov or (860) 713-6070.